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SUBJECT: PAN AM - AIR ZAIRE RELATIONS

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1. ERSKINE RICE OF PAN AM CALLED DEPT MARCH 14 TO
EXPRESS CONCERN OVER IMPLICATIONS OF PRECIPITATE
ZAIRIAN DECISION TO CANCEL PAN AM CONTRACT WITH AIR
ZAIRE. HIS EXPLANATION OF DEVELOPMENTS AND UNHAPPINESS
WITH SITUATION WAS IDENTICAL TO THAT MADE PREVIOUSLY
TO AMBASSADOR.
2. RICE ASKED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN SHABA AND
COMMENTED THAT POTENTIALLY DRASTIC DECLINE IN AIR
ZAIRE CAPABILITY DUE TO RAPID WITHDRAWAL PAN AM
PERSONNEL COULD NOT BE WORST TIMED FROM POINT OF
VIEW OF COUNTRY'S CURRENT NEEDS.

3. GIVEN MOBUTU'S URGENT NEED FOR AIR TRANSPORT
CAPABILITY (PLUS REPORTED CONFLICT BETWEEN MINISTERS
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OF TRANSPORT AND PORTFOLIO AND NEW AIR ZAIRE DIRECTOR -
REFTEL) WE WONDER WHETHER CURRENT SITUATION MIGHT NOT
LEAD PRESIDENT MOBUTU TO RECONSIDER HIS DECISION ON PAN AM
CONTRACT. AT YOUR DISCRETION YOU MAY WISH TO RAISE THIS
MATTER WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU.

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